



Oak Class Autumn Term 1 Newsletter 2020



Hello and welcome back from me, Mrs Addison, and from Mrs Bates, Mrs Burton and Mrs Wilson, the Oak Class Teaching Assistants. A very warm welcome if you have just joined us. We hope you have had a good and safe summer.

Here are some details about what is going on in Oak Class this term and some general information.

Project - Childhood

In the Childhood project, your child will learn words and phrases related to the passage of time. They will explore artefacts to help them to understand childhood in the past and how childhood has changed over time. They will explore the six stages of life and explore timelines and family trees. Everyday life in the 1950s will be explored, including shopping, transport, family life and childhood. They will also learn about the significance of Queen Elizabeth II's coronation in 1953 by studying photographs and online sources. The children will use maps to explore how places have changed over time and highlight any similarities or differences between childhood today and childhood in the 1950s. At the end of the project, they will create knowledge organisers for children who are about to study the topic of childhood.

Water bottles

Children should bring a **named water bottle**, containing water only please, for use in class. If your child fails to bring a bottle, you will be contacted by phone.
NB: Mrs Addison can no longer provide water bottles.

PE

Currently, children are only required to bring in **one pair of trainers**, for the main PE lesson, which is on **Thursday**.

Reading

Children will be issued a school reading book and a Reading Record. These must be brought to school in their book bags **every day**. Please hear your child read daily as it provides a huge boost to their learning and is an important part of accessing the whole curriculum. Reading forms a major part of the government requirement for homework. When you have heard your child read, please sign their Reading Record and add any comments. It is important that their book is brought into school each day. Reading records will be handled individually with washed /sanitised hands.

Please help by reminding your child if they need to change it. We have a reward scheme for regular reading at home.

Books will be stored for 48 hours before re-entering the library.

Communications

Letters and details about activities and notes home will be electronic. Texts will also be sent so please ensure the school has up to date contact details.

Classroom Dojo will also be used for messaging purposes and you can monitor your child's positive rewards through here too.

The class has a page on the school website which will be up and running soon, so please do check this often for any photos or news.

The class email is: oakclass@holytrinity.lincs.sch.uk

We also have a class Twitter account so please follow us at: @oak_holy (please note, we do not follow parents or pupils).

Homework

Homework will consist of weekly spellings and spelling related activities, with other pieces linked to topic work to be given on occasion. Y3 children will also receive a weekly maths homework task. Any homework will be given out on Friday and is to be returned the following Thursday. Children's books will be handled only with washed/sanitized hands. If you have any questions regarding homework please do not hesitate to ask me.

Further Home Support

Your child will be working towards a times table target, please support your child with working towards this target as knowledge of times tables can help a child access a wide area of mathematics. Helping your child increase their knowledge of telling the time and using money is another way you can support their mathematical learning at home.

Medical Conditions

Please ensure the office is fully updated with any medical conditions, including asthma and allergies. Inhalers can be kept in class, however it is the parent's responsibility to ensure they are within date. Medical permission forms need to be completed if the staff are to administer any medication and, if you are happy for your child's photo and medical details to be displayed in the Staffroom, please ask for a separate form to complete.

Finally, please do feel welcome to share any information or queries you may have about your child, their learning or any other issues you feel relevant to helping us to ensure that they continue to safely enjoy and achieve in Oak Class.

Mrs Addison
Oak ClassTeacher